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**National LGBTIQ+ community grants program calls for applications**

**ANZ and Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras provide support for second year**



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ANZ and Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras opened applications for its national LGBTIQ+ community grants program.

ANZ research shows that almost half a million Australian LGBTIQ+ community members 1 (1 in every 4) are still not comfortable being their true selves and discussing their sexuality and gender identity with their loved ones or friends.

The ANZ and Sydney Mardi Gras Community Grants program aims to increase support and inclusivity for the LGBTIQ+ community nationwide, providing grants of up to \$10,000 to LGBTIQ+ not-for-profit community organisations, charities and individuals.

Sydney Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras Board Co-Chair, Kate Wickett said: "Last year's grants program provided funding to a diverse range of recipients under the LGBTIQ+ umbrella. We were able to highlight the incredible work of organisations and individuals making an impact to the community in everything from sports, arts, music, wellbeing and beyond. We continue to be passionate in helping support other organisations and individuals to continue touching the lives of the LBGTLQI+ community."

Applications for ANZ & Sydney Mardi Gras Community Grants are open from now until 6 October, with successful applicants announced on 28 October 2020.

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